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PIAN COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE IN PEOPLE'S OLICE UNITS

GERMAN GENERAL STAFF FORESEEN -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 21 Oct 50

The Ministry for All-German Affairs in West Germany has released a document which reveals that it is planned to introduce 3-year compulsory military service in People's Police units in East Germany. Furthermore, East German authorities plan to re-establish a German General Staff.

It is revealed that the work of the Central Administration of the Training Service, the Naval Service, and the Central People's Police Service has been coordinated since summer 1950 with the purpose of establishing a High Command. This new General Staff in its present form is similar to an Armed Forces High Command.

The law establishing 3-year compulsory military service was worked out by People's Police Chief Fischer, who has since died. The law provides military service for all youths who reach 18 years of age. The mobilization plan provides for the induction of 120,000 youths into the People's Police annually. At the end of this year 60,000 members of the Communist Free German Youth, who are to receive complete military training, are to be taken into the People's

The Ministry for All-German Affairs states that the effective strength of the People's Police is 200,000 men. This number includes officials of the Inspection Service, Traffic Control, Security and Criminal Police, and Administration. Of the aforementioned number, 95,000 are members of military units, and another 50,000 belong to the alert units. Armament of the alert units consists of machine guns, quick-firing guns, mortars, and tanks of the Goliath, Tiger, and T-34 types. People's Police units are training their membors to become future noncommissioned officers. Naval and air force units are being developed. The People's Police Command is completely in the hands of true Communist-line followers, such as Zaisser, Hoffmann, and Karl Maron.

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PEOPLE'S POLICE TO GET TANK TRAINING -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 23 Oct 50

Berlin, 22 October -- It is reported by the West Berlin newspaper <u>Telegraf</u> that enlisted men of the East German People's Police are about to receive training in the use of Soviet T-34 tanks to be delivered in the near future in large numbers from the USSR. According to the newspaper, there are two secret training camps in the Eastern Zone. The commander of one of these camps is a former Sturmabteilung member.

MARKGRAF BECOMES PEOPLE'S POLICE HEAD -- Stockholm, Morgon Tidningen, 22 Oct 50

Berlin, 21 October -- The former police chief of the Seviet sector of Berlin, Paul Markgraf, has been appointed chief of the People's Police in Eastern Germany. Recently he completed a 2-year course at the Russian Military Academy. Markgraf succeeds Vice-Minister-President Ulbricht's protege; Karl Maron, who has shown himself to be unequal to the job. Maron had been appointed chief after the death of Dr Fischer some time ago.

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